Distress conditions in Chitradurga.

*Q.—222. Sri G. DUGGAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that distress conditions are prevailing in the Chitradurga District ;

(*b*) whether Government have taken any measures to give relief to the ryots in the said district ;

(*c*) if so, what are they and where they have been taken ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes, in some areas of the district.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Several relief works to cover the area of distress have been taken up by the

(1) Public Works Department
(2) Agriculture Department and
(3) Revenue Department.

Public Works Department :

(1) Silt clearance in the channel of V. V. Sagara,
(2) Tank works,
(3) Bridge works,
(4) Channel works
(5) High level causeway works,
(6) Construction of Gokattes.

Agriculture Department :

Contour bunding works.

Revenue Department.

(1) Filling up of insanitary pits,
(2) Desilting of D.W. Wells,
(3) Improvement and construction of Gokattes,
(4) Digging of trenches in Government lands for Farm Forestry.
(5) Formation of Roads.

These works have been taken up in the affected areas.

Prices of Food Grains.

*Q.—223. Sri G. DUGGAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the prevailing prices of foodgrains and pulses in Chitradurga district during the months of August and September, 1965 ;

(*b*) the measures they have taken to arrest the raising prices of foodgrains specially in the distress affected areas in Chitradurga District ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food).—

(*a*) The prices of foodgrains in the open market during August and September 1965 were as follows :—

	August 1965	*September 1965*
	Rs.	Rs.
I Rice	1-10 to 1-30 per Kg	1-20 to 1-43 per Kg
II Rice	1-00 ,, 1-10 ,,	1-05 ,, 1-20 ,,
Ragi	0-75 ,, 0-80 ,,	0-75 ,, 0-80 ,,
Jola (Bili)	0-82 ,, 0-95 ,,	0-82 ,, 0-95 ,,
Jola (Kesari)	0-75 ,, 0-80 ,,	0-75 ,, 0-80 ,,
T. Dhall	1-20 ,, 1-40 ,,	1-20 ,, 1-50 ,,
Moong.	1-10 ,, 1-25 ,,	1-10 ,, 1-25 ,,
Bengal gram Dhall	1-75 ,, 2-00 ,,	1-75 ,, 2-00 ,,

(*b*) The following measures were taken by Government to ensure the availability of foodgrains and to the extent possible to arrest rise in their prices :—

(i) The export of foodgrains grown in the State from any place within the State to any place outside the State has been prohibited excepting on export permits issued by the authority competent to do so.

(ii) Buffer stock has been built up by procuring foodgrains grown locally and by supplementing the foodgrains so procured with the foodgrains given by the Government of India for distribution in the State.

(iii) Informal rationing has been introduced in the larger cities and towns (including Davanagere City in Chitradurga District) and in areas having concentration of labour population.

(iv) Foodgrains are being issued on an adhoc basis in the difficult pockets in rural areas.

(v) Restrictions on the inter-district movement of foodgrains have been removed so that foodgrains could move without any difficulty from areas in which they are produced to areas in which they are needed most.

Measures that were taken in the State as a whole apply to Chitradurga District also. As could be seen from what is indicated above, emphasis

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has been placed more on the availability of foodgrains than on their prices as such an arrangement is inevitable in the context of the overall deficit of foodgrains in the State.

Surplus and deficit Districts.

*Q.—225. Sri G. DUGGAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

which are the deficit or surplus districts in the State so far as paddy is concerned ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food).—

Surplus District :

Mysore, Mandya, Coorg, Hassan, Chickmagalur, Shimoga Tumkur, North Kanara, Dharwar, Bidar, South Kanara, Raichur and Belgaum.

Deficit Districts :

Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore Rural District, Kolar, Chitradurga, Bellary, Gulbarga and Bijapur.

Construction of a Tank near Bharamannaikan adurga.

*Q.—226. Sri G. DUGGAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government have anctioned the construction of new tank near Bharamannanaikanadurga in Holalkere taluk ;
(*b*) if so when ;
(*c*) whether the work has been stopped ;
(*d*) if so, when and for how many years it was stopped ;
(*e*) when the same would started again ?

A.—Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) During 1956-57.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) Since January, 1960.
(*e*) After the revised estimate is sanctioned.